

August 2008
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Northern Command had a banner month during August 2008. Some of the increases in production was clearly notable especially in the areas of hazardous moving and seatbelts. Those specific categories are mission critical to public safety and are a reflection on crash reduction and occupant injury. All areas within the command worked very hard this month to make a significant and measurable impact on driving behavior and crash severity. Just comparing last months hazardous citation to this month, there was a 42% increase during the month of August. As we know, the one constant in traffic collisions is attributed to following too close, due care and speed too fast. Secondly, there was a 35% increase in seatbelt citation, thus impacting or send a clear message to the drivers that there safety is our concern.

Crash percentages also went down during the month of August. Most notably was injury crashes by 25%. Property damage crashes were down 24%, which could be a reflection of the constant pro-active work from our trooper and the aggressive directed enforcement activity we have worked on over the last several months. Unfortunately, we did handle 5 fatality crashes with 3 of those being motorcycles. During this season, there have been attempts to condition riders and drivers of the dangers that surround this activity and commute.

Commercial enforcement remains a section that is still low in overall activity. Steps are in progress to correct this from a performance and management angle.

During this month, the Northern Command handled the traffic events that surrounded the annual Hot August Nights. While traditionally the command has staffed this event with overtime and cancelled RDO's, fiscal responsibilities mixed with true event coverage has reduced our coverage to just scheduled personnel and contingency plans to facilitate emergency staff activations during civil unrest and traffic emergencies.

Overall, the staff within the Northern Command should commended for a job well done. The statistics are just another example of the pride and motivation within all shifts to reduce crashes and serve the motorists.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Aug 08	Aug 07	% Change	July 08	% Change
Total Crashes	325	428	-24.1%	277	17.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	224	296	-24.3%	192	16.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	96	129	-25.6%	81	18.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5	6	-16.7%	4	25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	19	21	-9.5%	16	18.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	6	-16.7%	4	25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	18	32	-43.8%	19	-5.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12	25	-52.0%	14	-14.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6	7	-14.3%	5	20.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.5 %
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.8 %
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 0.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.5%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Aug 08		Aug 07	% Change		July 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	19		25	-24.0%		16	18.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	155		128	21.1%		131	18.3%
Other Arrests	735		619	18.7%		513	43.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	317		269	17.8%		259	22.4%
Speed violations	3375		3138	16.3%		2667	36.8%
Hazardous moving violations	1280		896	42.9%		837	52.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	584		430	35.8%		424	37.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	9641		7558	27.6%		7229	33.4%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	55		16	243.8%		38	44.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	35		24	45.8%		29	20.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	714		747	-4.4%		674	5.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	468		349	34.1%		374	25.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2526		2553	-1.1%		2117	19.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	121		133	-9.0%		113	7.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	101		127	-20.5%		82	23.2%
Total school buses inspected	176		118	49.2%		170	3.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	15		28	-46.4%		10	50.0%
Total trucks weighed	126		69	82.6%		703	-82.1%
Total overweight citations	39		35	11.4%		27	44.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	365		353	3.4%		329	10.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		1	100.0%		5	-60.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Aug 2008		Aug 2007	% Change		July 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	364631		307058	18.7%		158348	130.3%
CAD Incidents	18607		17302	7.5%		19975	-6.8%
Telephone Calls	23721		20273	17.0%		18799	26.2%
CAD Logs	178218		129588	37.5%		162937	9.4%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	261		500	-47.8%		338	-22.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	286		231	23.81%		313	-8.63%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	45		12	275%		59	-23.13%
Office Accident Reports Taken	10		8	25%		18	-44.44%
Citations Processed	5791		4042	43.27%		4587	26.25%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0		0	0%		4	-100.0%
Visitors at Counter	66		-	-%		91	-27.47%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$686.50		\$1171.10	-41.42%		\$849.50	-19.19%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	856		799	7.1%		1307	-34.5%
Warrants Entered	248		269	-7.8%		273	-9.2%
Warrants Cleared	524		544	-3.7%		491	6.7%
Warrants Validated	200		2432	-91.8%		235	-14.8%
Extradition / Transports	16		34	-52.9%		22	-27.2%
EVIDENCE							
New NHP Cases Submitted	37		88	-58.0%		48	-23.0%
New NHP Items Submitted	115		167	-31.0%		112	3.0%
Items Disposed	6		28	-79.0%		10	-40.0%

EVIDENCE

- Parole and Probation submitted 15 new cases and had 29 new items submitted.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0% of case submissions

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 33 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Three (3) Contracts using 62.15 hours, billed in the amount of \$3,946.92 (plus Burning Man, total amount for contracts this months was \$66,875.72
- The contract for Burning Man resulted in 946 hours of contracted overtime. The bill resulted in \$62,928.50. In 2007, Burning Man resulted in 1,206.75 contracted hours and was billed for \$77,684.40

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
423	6	9	0	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
45	389	8	0	0	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Participated in the annual "National Night Out" in Carson City at Mills Park. This is an educational and awareness event where communities across the country have an opportunity to not only interact with their local law enforcement officers, but to learn more about keeping their neighborhoods and communities safe. Several Divisions of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) had a representation this year with an estimated attendance of over 4,000 Carson City and surrounding area residents. The general public had the opportunity to speak with personnel from the following DPS Divisions- Capitol Police, Investigation, Parole and Probation, State Fire Marshal and the Highway Patrol. The cadets from DPS Academy #60 also attended as part of their extra curricular and community involvement.
- Participated at the Nevada State Fair. Troopers who worked this assignment had the opportunity to answer questions as well as demonstrate the seat belt convincer trailer to a large number of kids, teens and adults. With the opening night of the fair offering free parking as well as free gate admission, the attendance was extremely high and much higher than in previous years.
- There were two Traffic Safety Campaigns that we participated in this month that generated a number of earned media in anticipation of the Labor Day holiday weekend. First, was the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" alcohol awareness and enforcement campaign along with the fourth wave of the "Teen Click it or Ticket" event. Each of these events generated a number of overtime shifts for the area Troopers that were funded by grant monies secured by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety.
- Another annual event that not only brings a large volume of traffic to northern Nevada, but generates a number of traffic safety-related interviews and media coverage is the "Burning Man" event at the Black Rock Desert. Last year there were over 47,000 attendees that made up the state's fifth largest city for one week and the forecasted number of visitors appeared to be more for this year. As we take a quick glance at September there are a number of events on the calendar in northern Nevada that will have a direct impact on the traffic on our area highway and roadways; primarily on the weekends. Those include the annual Balloon Races, National Air Races, Camel Races and Street Vibrations.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of 8 missions during the month of August for a total of 19.9 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
3	12.1	61	Speed Enforcement
3	6.4	32	Burning Man Line Patrol
1	.9	5	Prisoner Transport
1	.5	2	New Engine Test

The airplane was out of service from July 17 to August 25. During this time a new engine was installed, a new exhaust system, the turbocharger was overhauled, the propeller governor was overhauled and the propeller was replaced. A new engine monitor was installed.

The project came in on budget at \$60,214.00. Per our inter-local agreement, NDOT will pay for half. The plane conducted line patrol on SR446, SR447, SR34 and Jungo Road for the busy ingress days for Burning Man. Ten motorist assists were located.

Four speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; three were flown. One was cancelled because the plane was not yet ready. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	
Hazardous	
Non-Hazardous	
Seat belt	

During the course of enforcement activities, 2 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month occurred on the 29th at Derby Dam; a maroon Yamaha motorcycle was clocked at 101mph.

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